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E.O. 12065: GDS 6/27/86 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P  
TAGS: ETRD, PEPR, KS, US, AS  
SUBJECT: ROK PRESS REPORTS LIFTING OF U.S., AUSTRALIAN  
"TRAVEL BAN"

1. (U) KOREA TIMES JUNE 27, IN ARTICLE HEADED "U.S., AUSTRALIA LIFT BAN ON KOREAN TOURS", REPORTED THAT THE KOREA NATIONAL TOURISM CORP. (KNTO) HAD RECEIVED CABLED REPORTS JUNE 25 FROM ITS NEW YORK AND SYDNEY OFFICES CONVEYING THE HAPPY NEWS THAT, DURING THE PRECEDING WEEK, "THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD LIFTED THEIR VIRTUAL BAN ON TOURS TO KOREA". THE KOREA HERALD DID NOT MENTION A BAN, MERELY SAID THAT "SOME COUNTRIES" HAD "CAUTIONED" TRAVELERS, PARTICULARLY DURING THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE KWANGJU UPRISING. THE HERALD, HOWEVER, ADDED THAT THE U.S. AND AUSTRALIA HAVE BEGUN TO "ENCOURAGE" THEIR TOURISTS TO VISIT KOREA.

2. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY CONFIRMS GOA ISSUED KOREA TRAVEL ADVISORY SIMILAR IN TONE AND DURATION TO OURS, BUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO "BAN". THEY ARE NOT AWARE OF GOA'S PROMOTING OF KOREAN TOURISM. LEVINE

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